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SUBJECT: SHRIMP BOAT NOTIFICATONS

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MEXICO PASS FISHERIES ATTACHE

1. SUMMARY - GOB INSISTS THAT NOTIFICATION OF NEW SHRIMP BOAT REGISTRATIONS BE ACCOMPANIED BY PHOTOGRAPHS AND DATA REQUIRED UNDER AGREEMENT. END SUMMARY.

2. WHEN EMBASSY TRANSMITTED PHOTOS OF US SHRIMP BOATS CHE VOS AND WASHINGTON TO GOB, FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL SAID THAT NAVY HAD RAISED OBJECTIONS TO EMBASSY'S NOTE OF MAY 16 ON NEW QUARTERLY LISTING (STATE 112145). HE SAID NAVY COMPLAINED THAT ABOVE NAMED BOATS WERE INCLUDED ON OFFICIAL LISTING PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF PHOTOGRAPHS AND DATA. OFFICIAL SUGGESTED THAT NOTIFICATION OF NEW VESSELS SHOULD NOT BE MADE UNTIL PHOTOGRAPHS AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION WERE RECEIVED.

3. EMBASSY OFFICER ACKNOWLEDGED THAT FORMAL NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE IV OF AGREEMENT REQUIRED PHOTOGRAPHS AND FULL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DATA ON REGISTERED BOATS BUT COMMENTED THAT, FROM OPERATIONAL

POINT OF VIEW, DELAY IN NOTIFICATION UNTIL PHOTOGRAPHS COULD BE POUCHED WOULD SLOW DOWN EXISTING NOTIFICATION ARRANGEMENTS AND WOULD INCREASE RISK OF INCIDENTS DUE SOLELY TO INADVERTENT DELAYS IN MECHANICAL TRANSMISSION OF INFORMATION. EMBOFF RECALLED THAT TELEGRAPHIC NOTIFICATION HAD BEEN ADOPTED AT REQUEST OF BRAZILIAN NAVY WHICH HAD INDICATED THAT EARLY TRANSMISSION OF NAMES, UB NUMBERS, AND OFFICIAL NUMBERS OF VESSELS WERE SUFFICIENT TO ASSURE THAT NAVY PATROLS WOULD HAVE MINIMUM INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR IDENTIFICATION OF US VESSELS IN THE FISHERY. EMBASSY OFFICER SUGGESTED THAT IF NAVY HAS AN OPERATIONAL PROBLEM IN MEETING THEIR ENFORCEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES, WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO MEET WITH THEM, AS WE HAVE DONE IN THE PAST, TO EXAMINE WHATEVER PROBLEMS MAY EXIST AND EXPLORE MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE REMEDIES.

4. MINISTRY OFFICIAL SAID HE WOULD CONTACT NAVY OFFICIALS AND CONVEY EMBASSY OFFICER'S COMMENTS. AT END OF WEEK, OFFICIAL INFORMED US THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED ISSUE FURTHER WITH NAVY MINISTRY AND THAT GOB FELT IT NECESSARY THAT LETTER OF AGREEMENT BE OBSERVED IN NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES AND THAT PHOTOGRAPHS AND DATA MUST BE DELIVERED TO GOB BEFORE NEW BOATS CAN BE PERMITTED TO ENTER AREA OF AGREEMENT. EMBOFF RESPONDED THAT THIS CHANGE IN NOTIFICATION ARRANGMENTS WOULD PROBABLY IMPOSE FURTHER HARDSHIP ON US INDUSTRY BECAUSE OF LONGER DELAY NECESSARY BEFORE BOATS COULD ENTER FISHERY AND SAID HE WOULD CONVEY GOB'S NEW POSITION REGARDING NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES TO WASHINGTON.

5. DURING CONVERSATION, OFFICIAL ADDED FURTHER POINT THAT NAVY OFFICIALS HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR UNHAPPINESS THAT US BOATS REGISTERED UNDER AGREEMENT WERE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DURING FISHING SEASON WHILE LISTING OF BOATS OF OTHER COUNTRIES THAT HAVE AGREEMENTS WITH BRAZIL ARE NOT SUBJECT TO CHANGE. EMBOFF REPLIED THAT US INDUSTRY WAS LARGE AND OPERATED IN FISHERIES OTHER THAN THAT COVERED BY US-BRAZIL AGREEMENT AND THAT FREQUENCY OF NEW ENTRANTS AND CANCELLATION OF OLD BOATS REQUIRED SOME FLEXIBILITY IN REGISTRATION PROCEDURES.

6. COMMENT - IT IS APPARENT THAT PAST FLEXIBILITY GOB HAS SHOWN TOWARD NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES NO LONGER EXISTS AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THAT BRAZIL, IN FUTURE, WILL INSIST ON STRICT COMPLIANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH TERMS OF AGREEMENT. ARTICLE IV OF AGREEMENT AND PARAGRAPH 5 OF AGREED MINUTE ARE EXPLICIT THAT AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER FISHERY IS NOT EFFECTIVE UNTIL 15 DAYS AFTER PHOTOGRAPHS AND DATA ARE TRANSMITTED TO GOB. DEPARTMENT SHOULD ANTICIPATE ANOTHER 5 TO 7 DAYS FOR INFORMATION TO REACH EMBASSY FROM WASHINGTON. PHOTOGRAPHS OF CHE VOS AND WASHINGTON WERE TRANSMITTED BY STATE A-3429 ON MAY 15,

ARRIVED IN EMBASSY MAY 20, AND WERE DELIVERED TO GOB ON
MAY 21.

7. WITH RESPECT TO ADDITIONS UNDER QUARTERLY LISTING,
(PARA 2 STATE 106928), IT SEEMS CLEAR FROM COMMENTS REPORTED
PARA 5 ABOVE THAT BRAZILIAN NAVY WILL HAVE CONTIHUING
OBJECTIONS TO SUCH REVISIONS. HOWEVER, EMBASSY BELIEVES WE
CAN MAINTAIN SAME PROCEDUE AS IN PAST SO LONG AS NOTIFICA-
TION OF NEW VESSELS ARE ACCOMPANIED BY PHOTOGRAPHS AND FULL
DATA REQUIRED UNDER AGREEMENT.
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